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SUBJECT: VISIT TO U.S. BY WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION ASSEMBLY (WEU)
COMMITTEES

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER MENTIONED IN REFTEL, PARA 7
TO SECRETARY KISSINGER FROM KAHN-ACKERMAN, (FRG PARLIAMENTARIAN)
CHAIRMAN OF THE WEU ASSEMBLY'S GENERAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, DATED
DECEMBER 14, 1973, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND IS BEING TRANSMITTED DIRECTLY
TO THE SECRETARY VIA REGULAR MAIL:

"DEAR MR. KISSINGER,

YOU ARE AWARE OF THE INTEREST THE ASSEMBLY OF WESTERN EUROPEAN
UNION ATTACHES TO THE QUESTION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN
EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES.

AT THE PRESENT JUNCTURE, ALL THE POLITICAL MATTERS DISCUSSED
BY THE ASSEMBLY INVOLVE CONSIDERATION OF QUESTIONS CONNECTED WITH
THE FUTURE OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE. THE COMMITTEE ON DEFENSE
QUESTIONS AND ARMAMENTS AND THE GENERAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE HAVE
THEREFORE ASKED THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN PARIS TO
APPROACH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ON THEIR BEHALF WITH A
VIEW TO THEIR BEING RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON NEXT MARCH. THE
DATES PROPOSED BY THE TWO COMMITTEES ARE BETWEEN 5TH
AND 8TH MARCH.

I HAVE NO NEED TO TELL YOU HOW HIGHLY I VALUE THE TALKS

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WHICH THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARIANS CONCERNED COULD HAVE ON

THIS OCCASION WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND PENTAGON AND WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. WHEN I VISITED WASHINGTON WITH THE GENERAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE FROM 29TH TO 31ST MAY 1973, I WAS ABLE TO APPRECIATE THE WAY IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WELCOMED EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARIANS.

IF YOU COULD POSSIBLY SPARE A FEW MINUTES TO EXPLAIN TO THE MEMBERS OF THESE COMMITTEES YOUR VIEWS ON THE REFORM OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AND THE FUTURE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES, YOU WOULD BE MAKING A MOST VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO OUR WORK. SHOULD YOU BE UNABLE TO DO SO IN PERSON, I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD ARRANGE FOR SOMEONE WELL ACQUAINTED WITH THE WHOLE SPECTRUM OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY TO ADDRESS THE TWO COMMITTEES.

TRUSTING THAT I SHALL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY OF MEETING YOU AGAIN DURING THIS VISIT, I REMAIN,
YOURS SINCERELY,
GEORG KAHN-ACKERMANN"

2. COMMENT: DATES MENTIONED IN LETTER (BETWEEN 5TH AND 8TH MARCH) ARE ILLUSTRATIVE. FORMAL WEU ASSEMBLY PROPOSAL SUGGESTS "... BETWEEN 20TH FEBRUARY AND 31 MARCH 1974, PREFERABLY IN THE FIRST HALF OF MARCH BECAUSE SEVERAL MEMBERS ARE TO VISIT CANADA FROM 17 TO 31 MARCH."STONE

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